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The plight of the victims of asbestos has gained a higher profile of late. It's good to know members of the public are rising to the occasion. But one 'novel' way of support comes from writer Mary Brown. The St Charles' Players are staging Ms Brown's "Pals", a three-act play in a special one-night production. It's a comedy with a deserved reputation and all proceeds from the evening will go to Clydeside Action on Asbestos and their campaign to provide C.T. scans for victims.

This tiny office down in Glasgow's Briggait is staffed by volunteer workers who are themselves victims of the 'deadly dust'. Yet, collectively, they've become just about the foremost experts on asbestos in the British Isles and their office is the acknowledged central point of information. They work to counsel and support victims of asbestosis, in the process trying to highlight the dangers of the cancerous fibre. At the present time people have to undergo surgery to 'prove' they have asbestos-related disease. Having access to the CT scan would stop them having to go under 'the knife'. But these things cost money and this is why the campaign is underway.

The St Charles' Players are staging Mary Brown's play in the Murray Community Hall, East Kilbride on Thursday 5th December. For their £2 tickets the audience also get the chance to enter raffles and bingo before the play starts. And can it be that they've also been asked to 'bring a bottle'? Maybe Scotland's languishing theatre critics should make their way to East Kilbride in time for the 7.30 pm 'eyes down' and see how to pull a capacity audience.

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